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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Gentillet et al.

Application No.: 10/677,698

Filed: October 2, 2003

For: Modular DC-DC Standby Voltage
Converter Having Programmable
Sequencing

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Group No. 2835

Examiner: Michael Rutland Wallis

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 3, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2006, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including August 3, 2006. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450.00 for the fee associated with the extension of time. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent

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